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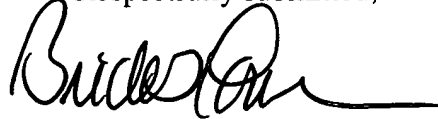
No new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims address typographical and spelling errors, and improve antecedent basis. The amendments do not affect, or surrender, any scope of any claim as originally filed.

Corrections to FIGS. 2, 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4E, 4F, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, and 14 are presented herein. Specifically, FIG. 2 has been revised to add the reference numeral --10'-- with appropriate lead line arrow; FIG. 3 has been revised to delete the reference numeral "120" and its corresponding lead line; FIG. 4 has been revised to delete reference numeral "175a" and dashed and solid lead lines on left side and reinsert the reference numeral --175a-- with appropriate dashed and solid lead lines on the right side, add --} 175-- to the right of reference numerals "175b" and "175a", and add the reference numeral --50-- with appropriate lead line; FIG. 4A has been revised to add the reference numeral --190-- with appropriate lead line arrow; FIG. 4B has been revised to change the reference numeral "126/129" to --126--, change the reference numeral "22u'" to --22U'--, and change the reference numeral "51" to --55--; FIG. 4C has been revised to add the reference numeral --192-- with appropriate lead line, add the reference numeral --190'-- with appropriate lead line arrow, and add dashed line indicating cross-section --4D--4D--; FIG. 4E has been revised to change reference numeral "195'" to --202'"--, change reference numeral "129u" to --22U'--, add the reference numeral --22'-- with appropriate lead line, and add the reference numeral --51-- with appropriate lead line; FIG. 4F has been revised to change the reference numeral "195'" to --202 '"--; FIG. 5 has been revised to add the reference numeral --100'"-- with appropriate lead line arrow, and add --22 {-- before the reference numerals "22b" and "22a", which have both been moved further left and downward; FIG. 6 has been revised to add the reference numeral --100-- with appropriate lead line arrow, add an --oval-- and its identifying reference numeral --216-- and corresponding lead line, and add element reference --L-- and appropriate lead line; FIG. 7 has been revised to add the reference numeral --217"-- with appropriate lead line; FIG. 10 has been revised to add the reference numeral --500-- with appropriate lead line arrow, change reference numeral "421'" to --421"--, change reference numeral "400" to --400"--, and change reference numeral "500" to

--510--; FIG. 13 has been revised to add the reference numerals --760'-- with appropriate lead lines (2 occurrences), and add the reference numerals --760-- with appropriate lead lines (2 occurrences), and FIG. 14 has been revised to add --} 22 -- before the reference numerals "22a" and "22b". No new matter has been added.

The Applicants again request entry of the amendments as set forth herein prior to examination of the application on the merits.

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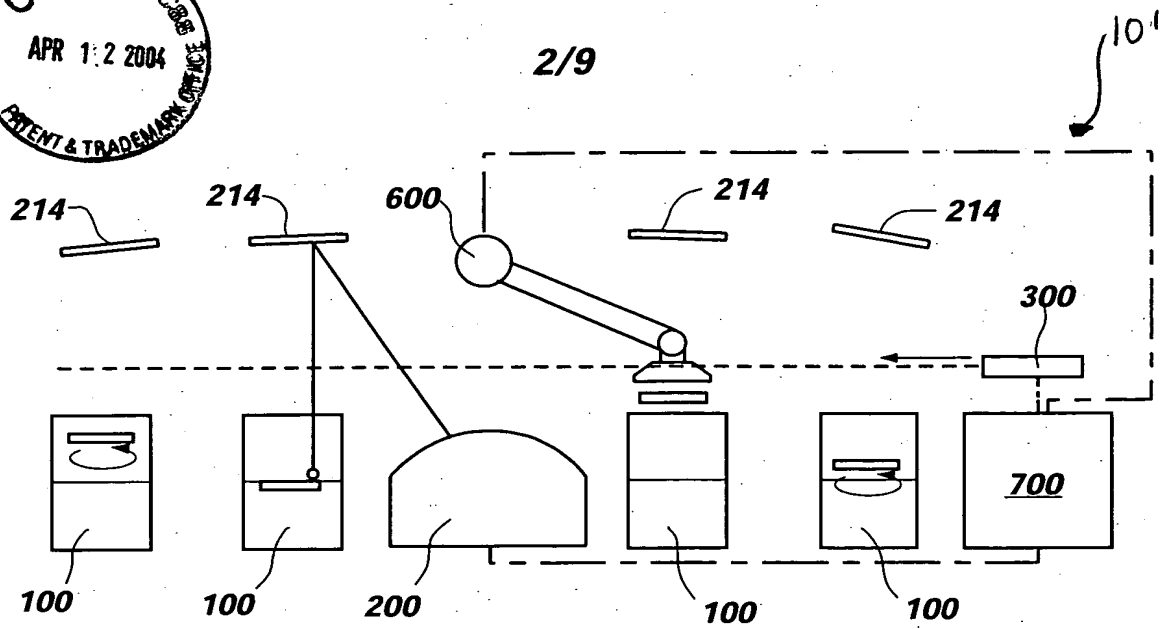


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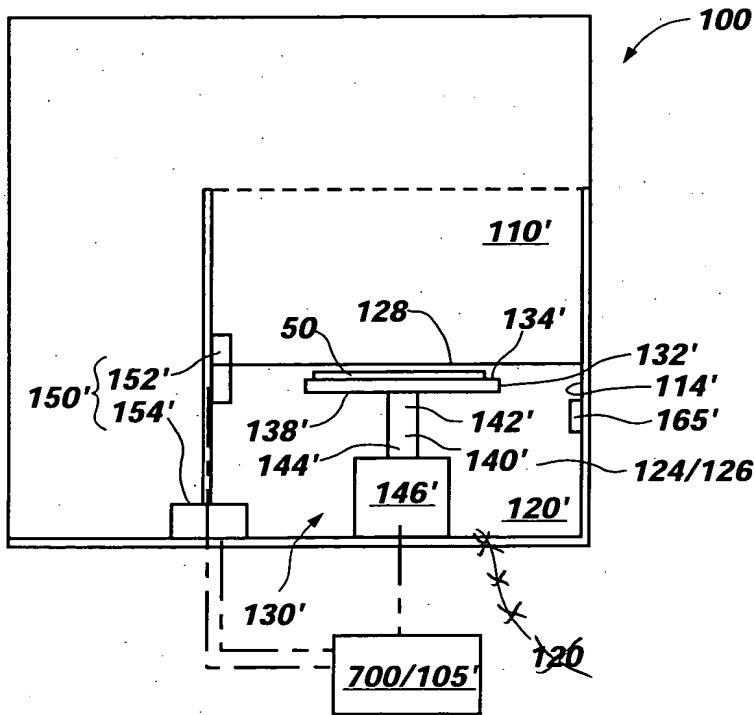


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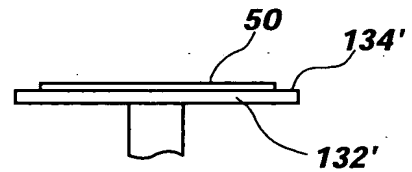


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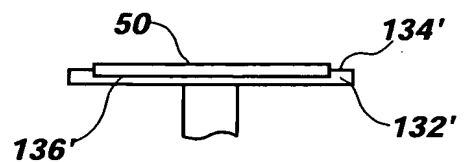


FIG. 3B

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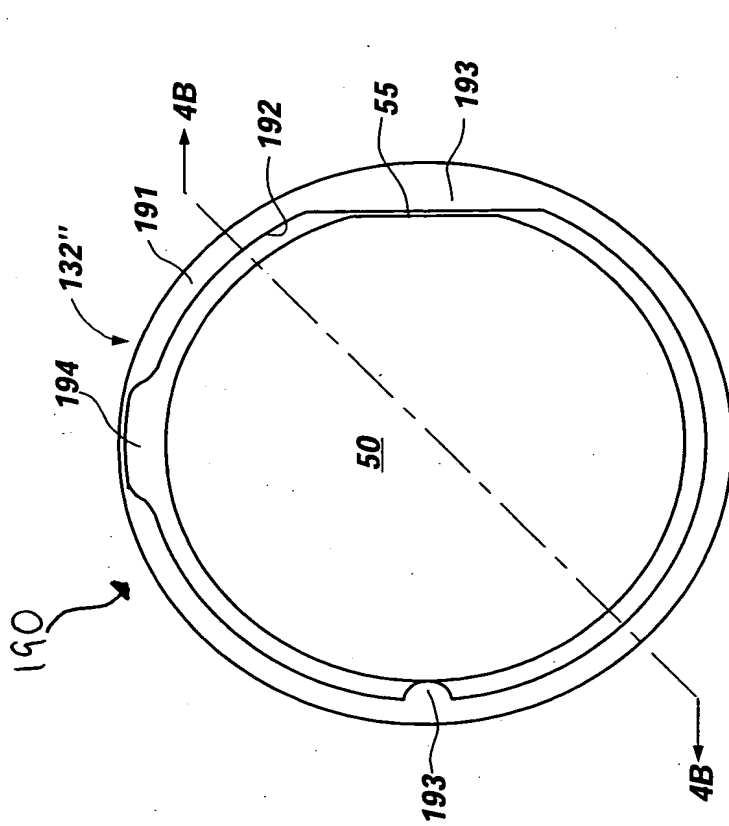


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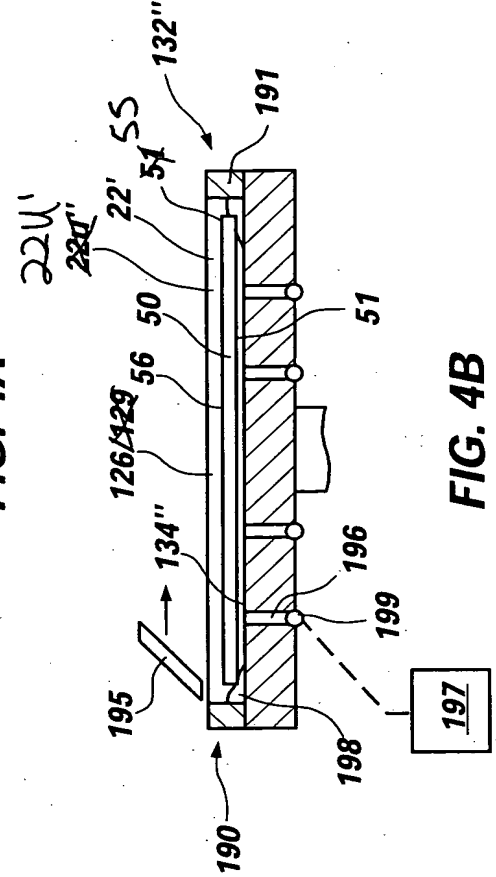


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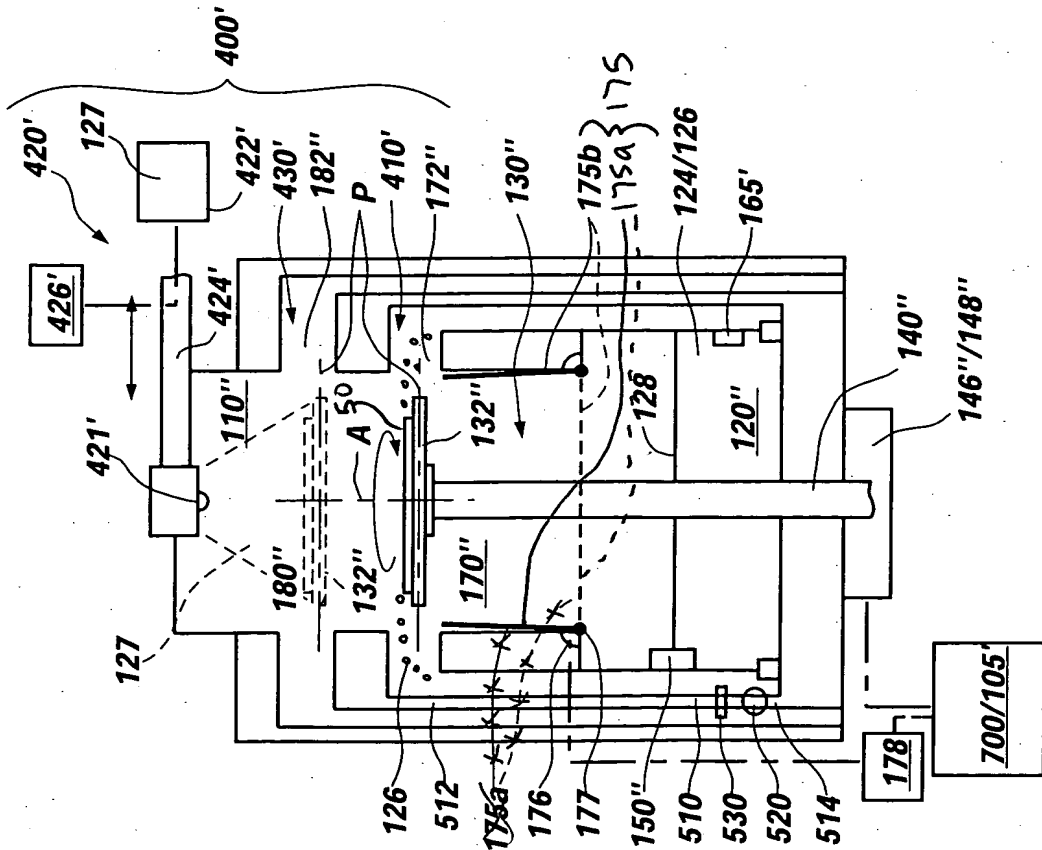
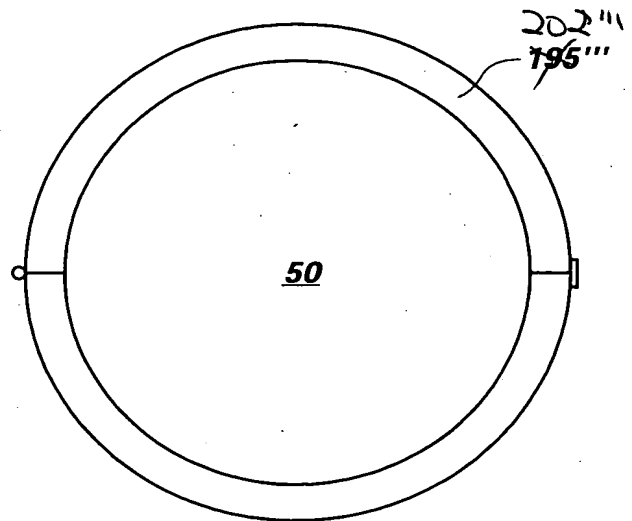
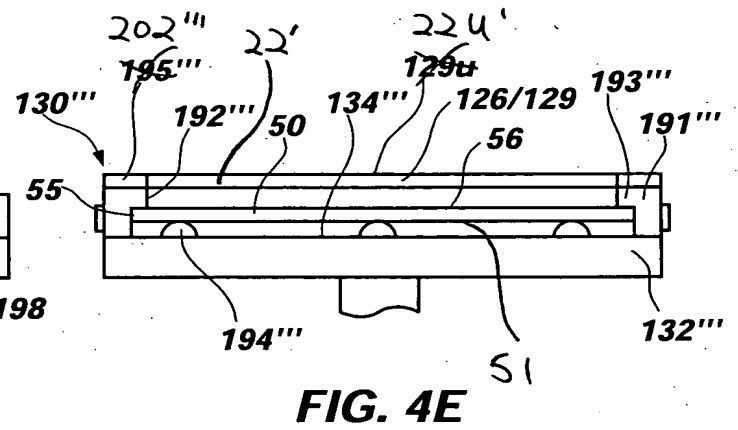
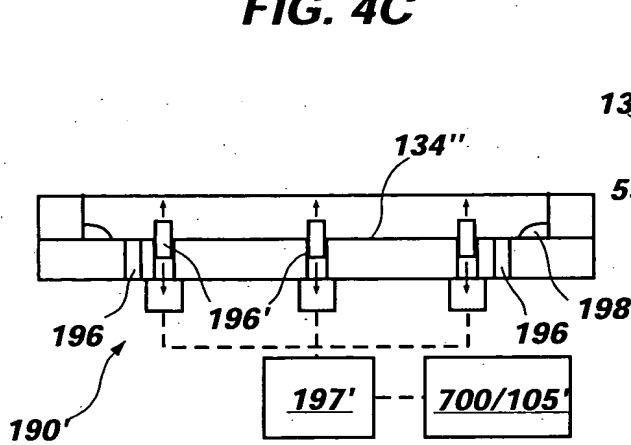
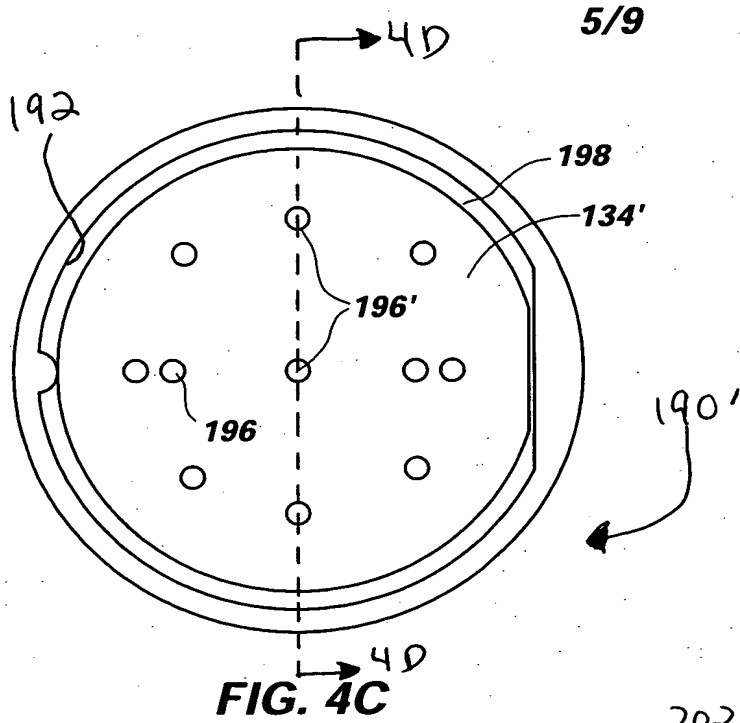
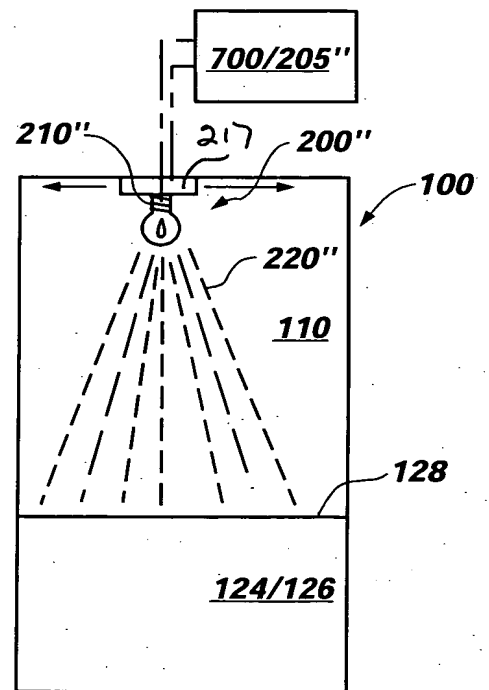
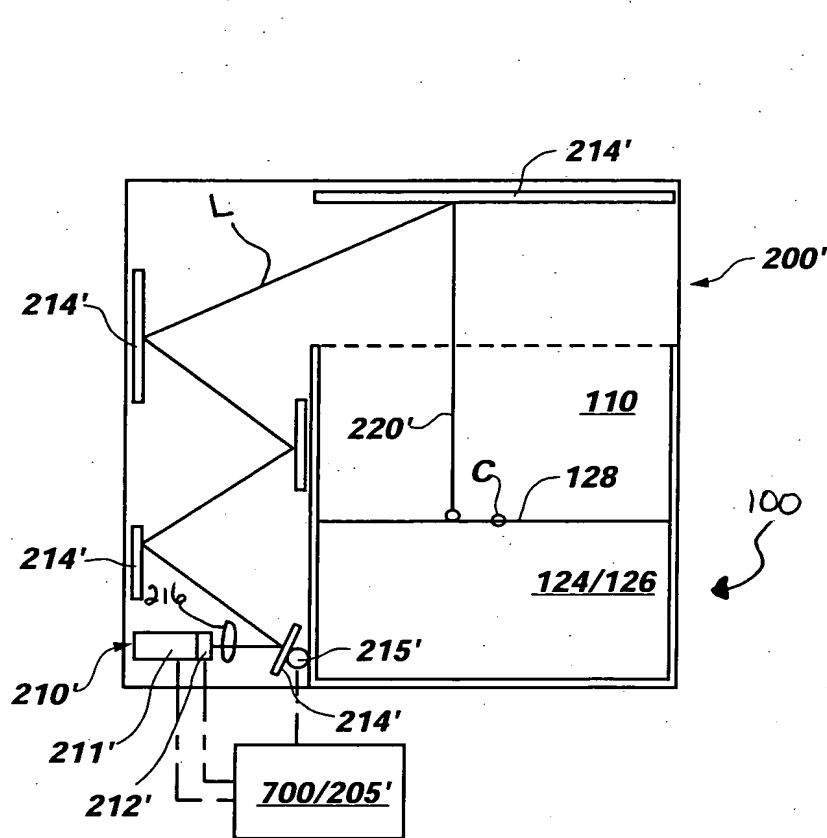
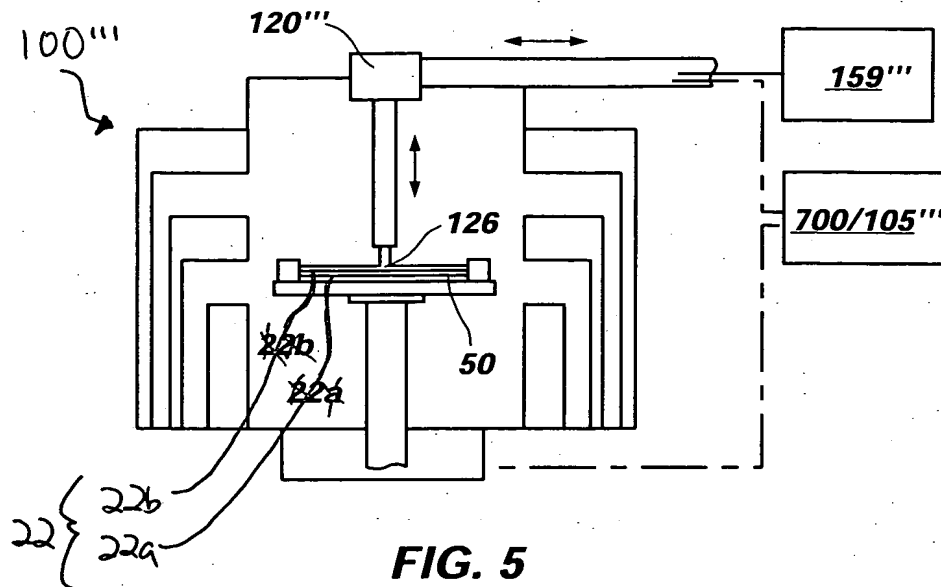


FIG. 4

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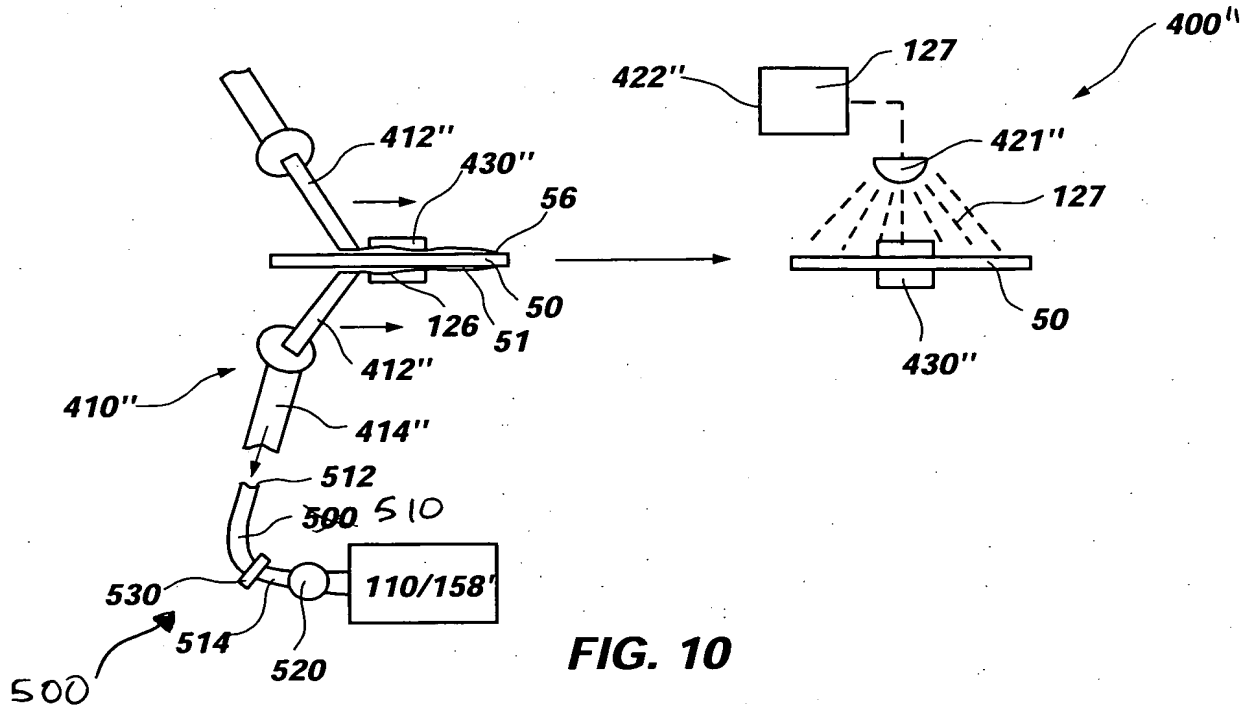


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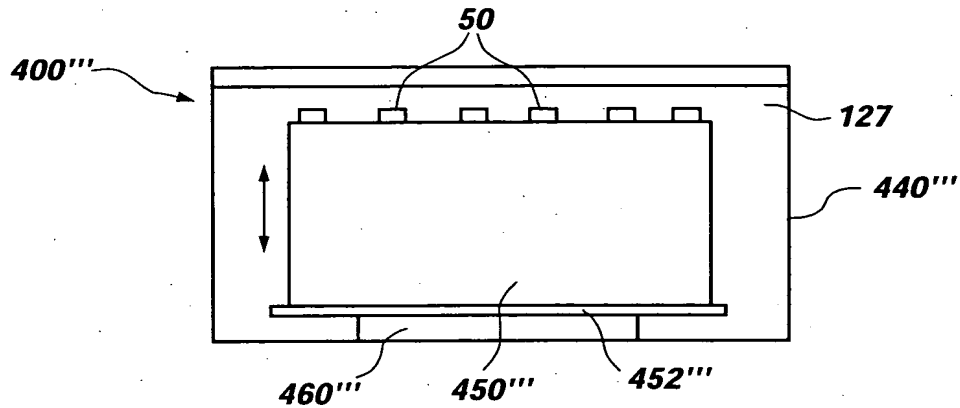


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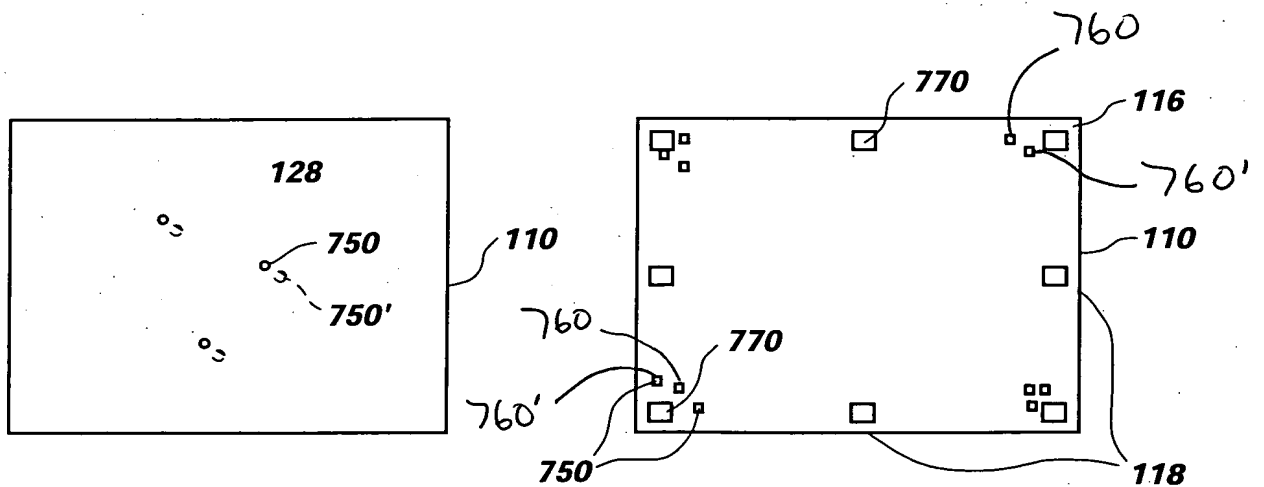


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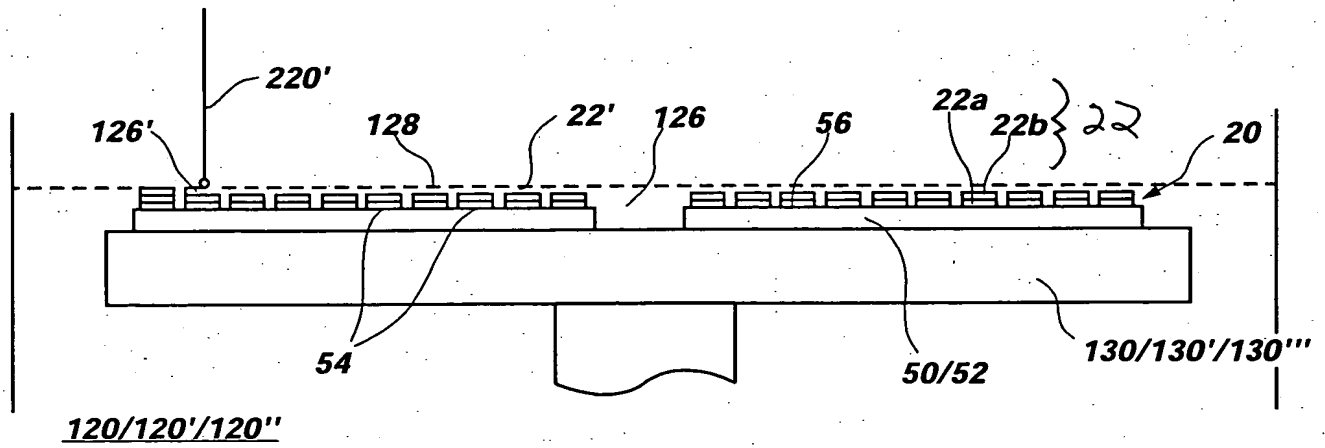


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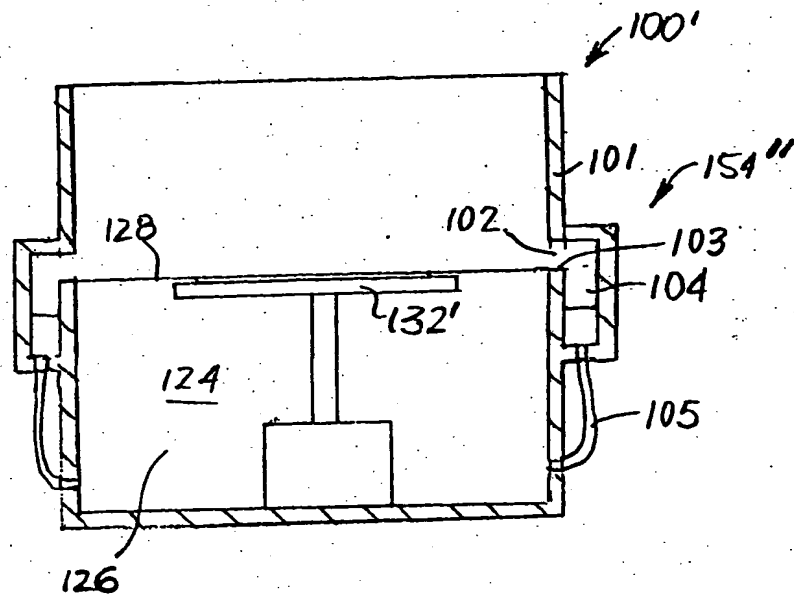


FIG. 3E